

stitution, I am returning herewith Senate Bill 353, 1965 Session, which has been vetoed by me today.

This Bill would make it unlawful to sell in this State after January 1, 1966, any new pneumatic tire for motor vehicles which has stamped or molded into it a ply rating for the tire which describes the ply by any rating other than the actual ply of the tire.

I am advised that technological improvements in the tire manufacturing industry have enabled the manufacturers to produce tires with less "plys" which, in their opinion, are equal to the tires with more "plys" that were made under the old process. As a result, the industry has adopted the term "ply rating" to apprise buyers of the tire's equivalence to the old system of actual ply rating.

Although I recognize the salutary purpose of the Bill, I have been impressed by the arguments advanced by many individuals and organizations that passage of the legislation would have an adverse effect upon Maryland tire manufacturing companies and would have a devastating impact upon several thousand workers in the Appalachia area which is already the subject of so much concern.

Moreover, I have been assured that the subject matter of the Bill is being studied by the Federal Trade Commission and that there is now pending in the United States Senate legislation pertaining to tire ratings and standards. In addition, one of the local tire manufacturing companies has given assurance that their representatives would not oppose the provisions of the Bill if the Federal Trade Commission saw fit to incorporate them in legislation setting forth standards for tires on a national scale.

In view of the foregoing reasons, I have felt compelled to veto Senate Bill 353.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

(s) J. MILLARD TAWES,

Governor.

Shall the bill pass notwithstanding the objections of the Executive?

The President announced the veto was sustained by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative

Senators—

Bertorelli, Clark, Dean, Dorf, Hepbron, Hodges, Mach, Malkus, O'Farrell, Parran, Phoebus, Roney, Sanford, Snyder, Wineland.

Total 15.

Negative

Senators—

President, Curran, Derr, Graham, Gude, Hall, Hughes, (G.), Hughes, (H.), Nock, Raley, Steffey, Welcome.

Total 12.

Senate Bill No. 434—Motor Vehicle Axle Weights

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, subsection (f) of Section 315 of Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland